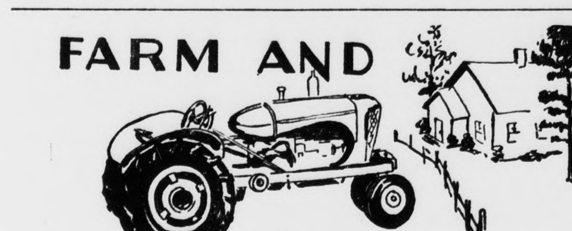
FARM AND HOME NEWS



By Jim Smith

Appomattox County Agent

Tomato Blight

Late blight is a serious disease of tomatoes and in the month coming we run into a dangerous period for this ailment, particularly if the weather becomes damp, cool and cloudy.

There is no cure for this disease. However, it can be prevented by the use of dusts and sprays. The control methods are the use of common fungicides such as copper, Zineb, Maneb all of which are effective and should be used according to the manufacturer's directions.

If you are going to spray your plants, they should be sprayed at 10-day intervals. If you are dusting, they should be dusted once a week. However, should a rain come between the two dates, they should be covered again thoroughly after each rain.

Garden Seed

Many times in buying seed for gardens, we buy more than is needed to plant the first garden in the spring of the year and would like, therefore, to carry over some of these seed until the fall or next year. This can be done satisfacorily if they are carried over in a dry place and kept under cool conditions. Placing them in a jar that is air tight and storing them in our cellars is an ideal place for storing left-over seed.

Seed such as beets, beans, tomatoes will generally keep better than sweet corn and lettuce.

Of course, there is only one way to determine whether or not these seed have been carried over well. That is to plant a few in a flower pot some ten days or two weeks before you are going to plant your garden. This can be done by moistening the soil, placing a pane of glass perhaps over the pot, keeping in a warm place and if the seed germinate they should be O.K. to use for your garden.

Pasture Management

July and August are the critical months when it comes to pasture and good grazing. Therefore, there are some things we should do the next two months that will affect the length of grazing we will have this year.

Ladino clover with orchard grass or fescue or orchard grass and lespedeza should be grazed rotationally. Remove the animals when the pastures have been grazed to a height of two inches and allow this pasture to recover until it is six to twelve ininches high.

Alfalfa and orchard grass can also be grazed. However, it is considered primarily as an emergency pasture. If you are going to graze alfalfa, begin grazing so that the growth will be removed in seven to ten days, normally using an electric fence. Remove the animals and let the alfalfa recover again for about 30 to 35 days or to the early bloom stage before cutting or grazing again.

If you are grazing sudan grass, this is the crop that can relieve the pressure on regular pasture during July and August. Graze this sudan rotationally, beginning when it is 18 inches tall before it has started to bloom. Let the animals graze the sudan down to around six inches. Take them off and wait until it has grown to at least 18 inches before grazing again. Grazing in this manner will also avoid danger of poisoning from prussic acid.

Hybrid Corn

It is estimated that 902,000 acres of corn were seeded in Virginia this year. Of this acreage, 807,000 were planted to hybrid corn, or about 89½%. This is an increase over 1954 by ½%. It is estimated that in Central Virginia, of which we are a part, that this year 92% of all corn planted is of the hybrid varieties. Taking the United States as a whole, it is estimated that only 89.2% of the total acreage is planted to hybrid corns. You can see from these figures that Virginia is somewhat ahead of other states.

Butter Vs Margarine . . .

The U. S. D. A. Agricultural Marketing Service has come up with some figures that are rather interesting when we compare the number of families that use margarine versus those that use butter. This study shows that per capita the use of butter and margarine tends to be less in larger families than in smaller ones. Household purchases of butter per capita declined 30% between 1947 and 1953. This dip occurred among high income families as well as low income ones. At the same time, all income groups reported a 50% gain in the per capita use of margarine.

Farm Outlook

The outlook for corn this year is quite good. The forecast is that there will be an average yield of 45 bushels as compared with 33 bushels of last year and the ten year average of 36½ bushels. If this is realized, this will be second only to the record 1950 yield of 46 bushels per acre.

The estimated yield in wheat this year is 24½ bushels per acre, which is only 1 bushel below the 1954 high. The total production is forecast at 5,929,000 bushels or a reduction of around 15% from last year. The acres harvested in Virginia are the lowest on record since 1866. It represents a reduction of 11% from last year.

The barley crop is estimated at 3,876,000 bushels, or 3% below last year, but the second largest crop on record.

In oats it is 4% under last year but 6?% greater than the ten year average. It is estimated that 6,808,000 bushels were produced.

The forecast on flue-cured tobacco is for the production to be 128,700,000 pounds. If realized, a crop this size will be 2% greater than last year and 6% greater than the ten year average. It is forecast that there will be an average yield of 1400 pounds per acre or the third highest on record.

In fire-cured tobacco, we are expecting a crop of 12,098,000 pounds, 14% above last year.

Estimate on burley tobacco is 19,800,000 pounds, a reduction of 25% from the large 1954 crop.

In sun-cured, the estimate has been placed at 4,000,515 pounds, as compared with 3,000,690 pounds of last year and a ten year average of 3,256,000 pounds.

Farmers have reported that they expect to harvest 1,391,000 tons of hay this year. This is about 3% more than the compartively small acreage harvested last year. The production of all kinds of hay is forecast at 1,656,000 tons, 12% more than a year ago.

The production of alfalfa is expected to be 15% higher. Alfalfa is about a third greater than last year's small crop. Grain hay is about 6% greater than a year ago.

Production of all other hay crops including timothy and clover is expected to be about the same as was harvested last year.

In June, 198,000,000 pounds of milk was produced, or about 3% more than June of last year. However, there were 3% fewer cows on farms, but the percentage of milk was greater than a year ago. Production per cow was 6% greater than the year earlier and the highest for this month on record.

In egg production, the rate of laying during June was the highest for this month on record. The number of layers was about 1% less than a year ago. A total of 98,000,000 eggs were laid, which was about 2% more than in June of last year.

COMING EVENTS

August 1-4: Garden Lover's Short Course at V. P. I.

August 1-4: Beekeepers' Short Course at V. P. I.

August 1: Dairy Fitting and Showmanship demonstration by William N. Patterson, Associate Extension Dairyman at V. P. I., at 9:30 A. M. All 4-H Club members interested in learning how to prepare an animal for show should attend. This will be an all-day meeting, so bring your lunch. During the morning, members will make rope halters. Bring about 75c to pay for the rope. Also bring 3 washed burlap bags and three washed cotton bags to make a blanket for your calf. This will be the only time during the year such a demonstration will be given in the county, and every 4-H Club member interested should be present.

August 2: Mr. George A. Allen, Jr., Associate Extension Animal Husbandman of V. P. I. will be in Appomattox County to give a demonstration on preparing ewes and rams for the breeding season, foot trimming, the use of phenothiazine and the feeding of ewes and rams. This demonstration will be on the farm of Messrs. C. K. Hunter and H. T. Barger. All sheep producers and those interested in sheep production should attend to get this valuable information.

August 3-7: Young Men and Women's Leadership Training Camp at Camp Farrar, Virginia Beach, Va.

August 4: Field Day at the Chatham Experiment Station at 1:30 P. M. Flue-cured tobacco growers from Appomattox County who wish to attend will leave the county agent's office at 12:00 noon.

August 4: Flannelgraph discussion by D. U. Livermore, Associate Extension Agricultural Economist of V. P. I., on "What State Services Do We Want and How Shall We Pay for Them." The meeting will be held at 7:30 P. M. in the Appomattox Court House.

August 5: Dr. S. L. Kalison, Livestock Disease Specialist, and Mr. Guy J. Nageotte, Associate Extension Dairyman and Dairy Products Specialist, at V. P. I., will give a demonstration on mastitis control and proper management of dairy animals and equipment. This meeting will last for about two hours and will begin at 9:30 A. M. It will be held on the farm of Mr. John C. Cole just outside of Appomattox.

August 12: Field Day at Southside Experiment Station at Charlotte Court House at 1:30 P. M. Dark-fired tobacco growers from Appomattox County who wish to attend will leave the county agent's office at 12:30 P. M.

Cotton acreage is reported to be lowest since 1909.

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Pamplin Rt. 1

Pamplin, R. F. D. One, July 19.- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arrington and sons were visiting in Norfolk and Amelia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ranson visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jennings last Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Meadows is spending this week in Richmond and Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards and Jane Opal spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meadows.

Mrs. Austin Briles, of Greensboro, N. C. visited with Louise Clifton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis are spending the week with his parents in Willow Grove, Penn.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ranson over the week-end were Mrs. Annie Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Webber and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John and son, of Evergreen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Roberts and daughter, Vicky, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Walter Richardson.

South Korea is making progress in economic recovery.

In Fashion Now

Sweaters will be much in the news this fall and winter. There will be sweaters for all ages and all occasions. The usual styles, with slight variations, will be very popular for small fry.

Designs for the more mature woman have been pepped up considerably. Box-style sweaters, knitted of bulky wool and heavy cotton, trimmed for sport or evening, are becoming to the fuller figure.

Some of the more expensive dressers are featuring matching cashmere sweaters, trimmed in jewels. Sweaters are being teamed with matching slacks and the very popular shorts by many manufacturers.

These will be popular for campus life. Another college favorite will be the classic pull-over and matching cardigan with a wool skirt the same color.

Knitted accessories, such as socks gloves, scarfs, and even hats, are being manufactured with matching sweaters.

The new long line, or torse style, is reflected in a completely new style of sweater. It is recommended for a girl with a figure not ... perfect, however.

The modified long line ... can be worn by almost ... Several new textures, in ... coming into the forefront ... be the new tweed knit.

Tweed knit has a solid ground with flitterings of ... yellow, or whatever colors ... choose. One manufacturer ... a pull-over matching cardigan ... an imported wool tweed skirt ... printed cardigan or blazer ... must for the young set.

New necklines will be ... V-neckline, the square neckline ... turtle and the boat neckline ... ing adapted to sweaters. ... knitted skirts will not be as ... this year.

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Cambridge, Md.- An auto carrying six people hurtled ... highway and overturned in a ... tery. Two of the occupants ... car died, one of them being ... against a tombstone. Another ... pant suffered a broken ... bruises and three others were injured.

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...Harry Jenkins and Joe ... are patients at Virginia ... Hospital. They are reported improving.

...B. Kidd, who was carried ... Lynchburg General Hospital Monday being transferred to Univers... Hospital, Charlottesville, where ... expected to undergo surgery.

... Trent, U. S. Navy, who is ... at Norfolk, Va., spent the ... with his parents, Mr. and ... H. Trent.

... Stovall, of Glade Springs, ... last Thursday night with his ... and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. ...

... and Mrs. Otway Martin and ..., of Brookneal, spent the ... with relatives here.

... and Mrs. Robert Morris and ..., of Vera, were dinner ... Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Berk... Ferguson.

... and Mrs. J. V. Torrence re... Wednesday from Scranton, ... report Mrs. Torrence's ... much improved.

... Andrew Wingfield and Mr. ... Mrs. Lester Wingfield were Sunday visitors of Mrs. W. P. Gills.

Mrs. Luke Sanderson returned home Friday from Lynchburg Hospital and is convalescing at the home of Mrs. W. P. Gills.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Torrence are announcing the arrival of a granddaughter, Delores Jean Torrence, at Virginia Baptist Hospital, Monday, July 18. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Torrence, of Spout Springs.

Mrs. Jacob Lewis visited Mrs. C. E. Wood, of Farmville, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Purdum, of Niles, Ohio were Wednesday overnight guests of Mrs. S. G. Smith. The Purdums were en route to Florida.

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Hixburg, July 18.- Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Hix, of Norfolk, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Hix, III, on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Blair Wilson, of Glasgow and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sears, of Farmville were recent guests in the home of Mr. W. D. Hix, Jr.

Hunter Goin, acocmpanied by Earl Pankey and Paul Hipps, of Pamplin went to Greenfield, Tenn. for the week-end.

Mr. DeWitt Goin, who has been sick for six months, surprised his many friends by attending church service on the evening of July 8. He remained in his car near an open window.

Buddy Carson and James Farmer of Lynchburg College, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. Jim Carson.

A picnic was given at Holliday Lake on Wednesday in honor of Mrs. W. E. Berry, of Cleveland. Mrs. Berry returned to her home on Thursday, after having spent sometime visiting her sister, Mrs. Jim Carson.

Mrs. Perry Brown, of South Boston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhillips. Mr. Henry Butler, of Richmond, and Miss Bee Goodman, of South Boston spent the week-end in the same home.

GETS THREE DEGREES

St. Louis, Mo.- Not satisfied to get just one degree from Washington University, William R. Gartenberg, 22, of Clayton, worked a little harder and, on graduation recently, he was awarded three degrees—bachelor of arts, bachelor of laws and bachelor of science in business administration.

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More than 3,000 NROTC and Naval Academy Midshipman left Norfolk, Va., aboard 18 ships of the Atlantic Fleet for a two-month cruise. They are undergoing practical training in shipboard life and duties.

The Midshipmen are afforded the opportunity of visiting interesting and historical sights during scheduled stops at ports in Spain and England.

Gunnery practice at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, will climax the cruise before returning to Norfolk August 2.

Evergreen

Evergreen, July 19.- Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Paulette and son and Mrs. S. R. Paulette spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harding, of Victoria.

Mrs. Lucie B. Staples left Monday to visit her sister in Georgia for a week.

Mrs. O. C. Paulette visited relatives in Lynchburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples and daughter.

The W. M. S. met with Mrs Rachel McFadden Thursday night, with a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Harris, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris.

Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. Elizabeth P. Robinson visited Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette Sunday P. M.

Mrs. C. I. Harvey and daughter Terrell, of Cullen visited Mrs. Emma Thomas Sunday P. M.

The Business Women's Circle will meet with Mrs. Melvin Grishaw on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pugh and Mr. Tom Marsh visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bruce and family are on a vacation, visiting his mother, Mrs. Eva Snowden, of Port Royal, Va. and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grippeth, of Richmond spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Quite a number from here attended the group meeting of the B. T. U. at Oakville Church on Friday night.

A few from here went to hear the missionary, Miss Eva Sanders, at Liberty Baptist Church Wednesday night.

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RURAL HOME DANGEROUS PLACE TO BE IN 1954

Carelessness in the rural home made it a dangerous place to be in 1954.

Statistics now available from the Virginia Rural Safety Council show the rural home was the scene of 297 accidental (non-transport) deaths in 1954— up 31 from the year before.

Overall accidental deaths in rural Virginia mounted to 557, an increase of 47 from 1953.

Death played a heavier hand on the farm and in public places, too. Twenty more farmers died accidentally than in 1953; and 17 more met their deaths in public places. Only classification showing a deficit was "unspecified places."

Fires and explosions nosed to the top as cause of deaths, acounting for 137 of the total. Falls, 1953's leading cause, dropped to second place. But it wasn't a big drop—down only three.

The 10 leading causes were the same as the year before, with some minor juggling in their place on the list. In order for 1954, they were: fires and explosions, 137; falls, 132; drowning, 82; firearms, 33; machinery, 28; inhalation of food, etc., 20; suffocation in bed, 19; and mechanical suffocation, 14; blows from falling objects, 13; and poisoning, 13.

Many of the increase in deaths occurred among adults 25 to 65 years of age, and in the group designated as "old age" — 65 years and over.

There were no counties with an unblemished record. The few with only one accidental death in rural areas were Bland, Madison, Mathews, Orange and Surry.

Although most of the deaths came from tried and true causes, some people succombed to rather bizarre situations.

A falling well-bucket, a collapsing chicken house, a mouthful of macaroni—all took their toll.

WOODMEN NEWS

The Supreme Forest, Woodman Circle Grove 73, held its regular meeting July 12 at the American Legion Hall. There were six members initiated into the Grove. The captain and team members from Gordon T. Yates Grove, Lynchburg, came down and helped with the initiation; also there were four state officers present, 3 from Lynchburg and one from Appomattox Grove. After the meeting was opened and closed with the presenting of an American flag, a social hour was enjoyed by all.

The United States Navy is planning to fly six to eight planes nonstop from New Zealand to McMurtiando Sound in Antartica. The December flight will be the first linking that continent directly with other lands.

Rocks

Rocks, July 18.- Farmers are busy topping tobacco.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Marks have returned to their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Marks and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson.

Mrs. C. S. Ranson took one of her patients to see Mr. and Mrs. Odor at Appomattox one night recently.

Ann and Faye Ranson returned home after spending last week at 4-H Camp at Holliday Lake.

Mrs. Clara Garrett spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Toby Inge.

The various organizations met on Wednesday night at the church. Mrs. D. R. Inge, a W. M. S. member had charge of the devotional.

A good many attended the Training Union Group IV meeting at Red Oak on Friday night.

William Ranson and Dan Seamster are attending Phillips Business School in Lynchburg.

Rev. Ed Stephens will preach at Rocks this Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. The public is invited.

Anita Richardson spent Wednesday night with Audrey Dale Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder are expecting their son, Earl, and his family from Germany in most any day now..

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Dickerson and daughter, of Lynchburg were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson Sunday. Mary Lou visited Mrs. Bobby Mitchell.

Spout Spring

Spout Springs, July 19.- Mr. and Mrs. Roger Brassard, Terry and Johnny Robertson, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Smith and children spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carson and family in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Robertson Saturday evening.

1846 STAMP BRINGS $4,200

London.- An Australian stamp collector recently paid $4,200 for a United States 5-cent stamp, made by hand in 1846. The stamp,, believed one of twelve still in existence, was issued by the postmaster of Middlebury, Mass. Postmasters were permitted to issue their own local stamps up to 1847.

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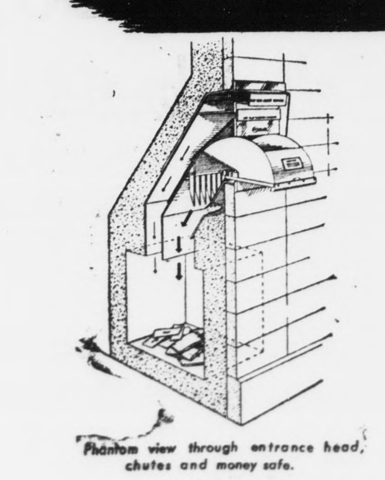

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